(b) what steps are being taken by Government to increase ancillarisation in the country; and

(c) whether the Mazda Motor Corporation of Japan is likely to enter the passenger car market in India?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) The new light commercial vehicle manufacturers having Japanese collaboration are facing constraints in increasing their production and sales because of the high cost of production arising primarily on account of the steep appreciation in the value of the Yen. With a view to give them some relief, Government have extended cartain fiscal concessions to fuel efficient light commercial vehicle.

(b) Government have encouraged the component manufacturers to increase production and upgrade technology through new foreign collaborations. Manufacture of automotive components has been delicensed and fiscal concessions have been given to ancillary units which supply auto components for fuel efficient vehicles.

(c) No such proposal has been received by the Government.

**Visit of West German Firm's representatives**

975. SHRI BIR BHADRA PRATAP SINGH: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the representatives of M/s. MAN-GHH of West Germany recently visited the Neyveli Lignite Corporation Limited and held discussions with the Government in order to secure further orders of their given project in the NLC; and

(b) if so, what are the details in this regard and broad outlines of discussions held with the representatives during April, 1987?

THE MINISTER OF ENERGY AND THE MINISTER OF STEEL AND MINES (SHRI VASANT SATHE): (a) and (b) Representatives of MAN-GHH, West Germany, visited Neyveli Lignite Corporation in April, 1987 and held discussions with the Corporation regarding the orders already issued to them for specialised mining equipment. No discussions were held on further orders.

**Cost and Sale Price of DMT**

976. SHRI CHIMANBHAI MEHTA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether any action or inquiry is being undertaken on the huge foreign exchange loss in allowing import of a private second hand DMT plant; if so, what are the details about the terms, personnel and the present stage of the inquiry;

(b) whether it is confirmed that P.T.A. is costlier than D.M.T. and if so, in what respect;

(c) why one more D.M.T. plant was allowed to be set up in our country in private sector;

(d) whether it is a fact that excise duty is levied on P.T.A. though there is no production in our country if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(e) what is the present cost and sale price of D.M.T. in India and in international market?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETRO-CHEMICALS IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI R. K. JAICHANDRA SINGH): (a) No such inquiry has been ordered.

(b) At present PTA is not being manufactured in the country. The international price of PTA is generally higher than that of DMT.

(c) The setting up of the plant was approved to meet the projected raw-material